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**Request
For
Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/421,322
Filing Date	October 18, 1999
First Named Inventor	HIROYUKI OI
Art Unit	2815
Examiner Name	Eckert II, George
Attorney Docket Number	061063-0264817

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

1. **Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s).

- a. ☐ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendments filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.

i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

- b. ☐ Other _____

3. **Fees** The RCE fee under 37 CFR 1.17(e) is required by 37 CFR 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

- The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to

- a. ☒ Deposit Account No. 033975

i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e) | 11/26/2003 HDEMSS1 00000023 033975 09421322

ii. ☒ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17) | 01 FC:1801 770.00 DA

iii. ☐ Other _____

- b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ _____ enclosed

- c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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Name (Print/Type)	John P. Darling	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44482
Signature	<i>John P. Darling</i>	Date	November 24, 2003

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Instruction Sheet for RCEs

(not to be submitted to the USPTO)

NOTES:

An RCE is not a new application, and filing an RCE will not result in an application being accorded a new filing date.

Filing Qualifications:

The application must be a utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995. The application cannot be a provisional application, a utility or plant application filed before June 8, 1995, a design application, or a patent under reexamination. See 37 CFR 1.114(e).

Filing Requirements:

Prosecution in the application must be closed. Prosecution is closed if the application is under appeal, or the last Office action is a final action, a notice of allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., an Office action under *Ex parte Quayle*). See 37 CFR 1.114(b).

A submission and a fee are required at the time the RCE is filed. If reply to an Office action under 35 U.S.C. 132 is outstanding (e.g., the application is under final rejection), the submission must meet the reply requirements of 37 CFR 1.111. If there is no outstanding Office action, the submission can be an information disclosure statement, an amendment, new arguments, or new evidence. See 37 CFR 1.114(c). The submission may be a previously filed amendment (e.g., an amendment after final rejection).

WARNINGS:

Request for Suspension of Action:

All RCE filing requirements must be met before suspension of action is granted. A request for a suspension of action under 37 CFR 1.103(c) does not satisfy the submission requirement and does not permit the filing of the required submission to be suspended.

Improper RCE will NOT toll Any Time Period:

Before Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., prosecution in the application is not closed or the submission or fee has not been filed) and the application is not under appeal, the time period set forth in the last Office action will continue to run and the application will be abandoned after the statutory time period has expired if a reply to the Office action is not timely filed. No additional time will be given to correct the improper RCE.

Under Appeal - If the RCE is improper (e.g., the submission or the fee has not been filed) and the application is under appeal, the improper RCE is effective to withdraw the appeal. Withdrawal of the appeal results in the allowance or abandonment of the application depending on the status of the claims. If there are no allowed claims, the application is abandoned. If there is at least one allowed claim, the application will be passed to issue on the allowed claim(s). See MPEP 1215.01.

See MPEP 706.07(h) for further information on the RCE practice.

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2004

Effective 10/01/2003. Patent fees are subject to annual revision.

Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT (\$ 880.00

Complete if Known

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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)

☐ Check ☐ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None

☒ Deposit Account:

Deposit Account Number
Deposit Account Name

033975

PILLSBURY WINTHROP LLP

The Director is authorized to: (check all that apply)

☒ Charge fee(s) indicated below ☒ Credit any overpayments

☒ Charge any additional fee(s) or any underpayment of fee(s)

☐ Charge fee(s) indicated below, except for the filing fee to the above-identified deposit account.

FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 770	2001 385	Utility filing fee	
1002 340	2002 170	Design filing fee	
1003 530	2003 265	Plant filing fee	
1004 770	2004 385	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	

SUBTOTAL (1) (\$ 0.00

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims 6 -20** = 0 X Fee from below = 0
Independent Claims 3 X 2 X = 0 X Fee Paid = 0
Multiple Dependent -6** = 0 X Fee Paid = 0

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 86	2201 43	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 290	2203 145	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 86	2204 43	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$ 0.00

**or number previously paid, if greater; For Reissues, see above

FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity Small Entity

Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1051 130	2051 65		Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25		Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	1053 130		Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520		For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920	1804 920		Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840	1805 1,840		Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55		Extension for reply within first month	110.00
1252 420	2252 210		Extension for reply within second month	
1253 950	2253 475		Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,480	2254 740		Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,010	2255 1,005		Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 330	2401 165		Notice of Appeal	
1402 330	2402 165		Filing brief in support of an appeal	
1403 290	2403 145		Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510		Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55		Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665		Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,330	2501 665		Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 480	2502 240		Design issue fee	
1503 640	2503 320		Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130		Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50		Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180		Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40		Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 770	2809 385		Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 770	2810 385		For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 770	2801 385		Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	770.00
1802 900	1802 900		Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

*Reduced by Basic Filing Fee Paid

SUBTOTAL (3) (\$ 880.00

SUBMITTED BY

(Complete if applicable)

Name (Print/Type) John P. Darling Registration No. 44482 Telephone (703) 905-2045
Signature [Signature] (Attorney/Agent) Date November 24, 2003

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